



The Seattle Public Library

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To: Councilmember Jean Godden, Chair, Parks, Seattle Center, Libraries and Gender Pay Equity
Via: Ben Noble, City Budget Office Director
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Subject: **The Seattle Public Library's 2014 Operation Plan**

As part of completing the annual budget process, The Seattle Public Library provides the City Council with a copy of the Library Board's annual Operation Plan by January 31 of each year. The Library's 2014 Operation Plan was approved by the Library Board on December 11, 2014. This plan allocates the same amount of total funding (\$62.9 million) appropriated to the Library in the city's 2014 Adopted Budget and is programmatically aligned with the adopted budget.

The Operation Plan provides more detail about the Library's funding, strategic priorities, and planned expenditures. The Library Levy approved by Seattle voters in 2012 has restored and expanded the Library's ability to develop five service priorities: Youth and Early Learning, Community Engagement, Seattle Culture and History, Technology and Access and Re-imagined Spaces. The development of services funded by the Levy and the Service Priorities has been informed by a series of 12 Community Conversations that the City Librarian is holding to build on the public engagement we achieved through the Sunday Celebrations at the 15 branches that received new hours as a result of the Levy.

We look forward to meeting with our new Council committee on January 24 and discussing the Library's service priorities with you.

Enclosure: The Seattle Public Library 2014 Operation Plan

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